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SHORTAGE OF GROUNDNUT AND ARHAR SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain States like Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka have reported shortage of groundnut and Arhar seeds;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to meet the shortage of seeds in all States, particularly in Ahdhra Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Government of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka have reported certified and quality seed situation in Kharif-2004 as under:-

(Quantity in quintals)

Crop	Requirement	Availability
Andhra Pradesh		
Groundnut	300000	302552
Arhar	10500	10724
Karnataka		
Arhar	18130	18130
Groundnut	156520	106470

(c): Two Zonal review meetings are organized with the State Governments and all the Seeds Corporations for Kharif as well as Rabi crops separately during the year to assess the requirement and availability of seeds for all the major crops and tie-up arrangements are made from seed-surplus States/areas to seed-shortage States/areas. The subject is again discussed in the National Conferences on Kharif and Rabi.. Overall for the Kharif-2004 season the availability of seeds is 55.89 lakh quintals against the requirement of 49.98 lakh quintals as projected by the State Governments. National Seeds Corporation, State Farms Corporation of India Limited and State Seed Corporations are engaged in meeting the seed requirement of various States.

As explained, in reply to part (a) and (b), the position of seeds of Groundnut and Arhar is comfortable in Andhra Pradesh. For meeting the shortage of Groundnut seed in Karnataka the State have planned additional 6000 quintals production in Alamatti Dam area through participatory programme by University of Agriculture Science Dharwad, 15000 quintals production by Karnataka Oilseed Growers Federation and the rest will be met by identifying the farmers (those who have been provided certified seed in the previous season) to procure the seeds after ensuring the quality.